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SUBJECT: SITREP: CORTES TAKEOVER

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1. A STANDOFF CONTINUES AT THE CORTES. A JOURNALIST HAS SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH LCOL. ANTONIO TEJERO, LEADER OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL FORCES, INSIDE THE CORTES. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, TEJERO'S DEMANDS ARE: (1) THE IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGRESS; AND (2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNTIL BASQUE TERRORISM HAS BEEN ERADICATED. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER REPORT, GENERAL ARMADA, WHO WAS EARLIER IN THE CORTES AND IN CONTACT WITH TEJERO, OFFERED TEJERO AN AIRPLANE TO FLY WHEREVER HE WISHED IF HE RELEASED THE HOSTAGES AND TOOK HIS MEN OUT OF THE CORTES. TEJERO REFUSED.

2. MILITARY POLICE UNITS ARE SURROUNDING THE CORTES, AND SOME MP PERSONNEL HAVE INFILTRATED THE COURTYARD BETWEEN THE TWO BUILDINGS OF THE CORTES. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT TROOPS HAVE NOT, REPEAT NOT, STORMED THE CORTES AS SOME WIRE SERVICE REPORTS WOULD HAVE IT. EARLIER IN THE EVENING THERE WAS THE SUGGESTION IN SOME RADIO REPORTING THAT LCOL. TEJERO MIGHT BE MORE WILLING TO

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SURRENDER TO MILITARY POLICE THAN TO NATIONAL POLICE, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE MP'S MOVING IN ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER THE KING'S STATEMENT ON TELEVISION.

3. THERE IS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT SOME OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL WHO ENTERED THE CORTES WITH TEJERO, AND WHO WERE HOLDING PERIMETER POINTS, HAVE ABANDONED THEIR POSTS AND GIVEN THEMSELVES UP TO NATIONAL OR MILITARY POLICE.

4. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT PM SUAREZ IS BEING HELD IN THE CORTES IN A ROOM BY HIMSELF, WHILE A LARGER GROUP INCLUDING SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS FELIPE

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GONZALEZ AND ALFONSO GUERRA,  
COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL, SANTIAGO CARILLO,  
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ MELLADO, AND DEFENSE  
MINISTER SAHAGUN ARE BEING HELD TOGETHER IN ANOTHER  
ROOM NEARBY. THE REMAINDER OF THE MEMBERS OF  
PARLIAMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE APPARENTLY BEING  
HELD IN THE MAIN CHAMBER OF THE CORTES.

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5. IN VALENCIA, GENERAL JAIME MILANS DEL BOSCH HAS  
RECALLED HIS TROOPS TO BARRACKS AND THE ENTIRE  
DISTRICT HAS BEEN RETURNED TO CIVILIAN CONTROL.

6. STATEMENTS AND COMMUNIQUEES EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY  
AND SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTITUTION AND EXISTING  
INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE TO COME IN FROM VARIOUS REGIONS,  
POLITICAL PARTIES, AND INSTITUTIONS. HEARD FROM  
THUS FAR ARE THE UCD, THE PSOE, THE AP/CD, THE PNV,  
AND THE CIU, AMONG POLITICAL PARTIES. THE BASQUE  
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CATALAN REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENT HAVE ALSO MADE SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS, AS HAVE

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GOVERNMENT FIGURES IN VALENCIA, MURCIA, ANDALUCIA,  
GALACIA, AND OTHER AREAS. THE SPANISH EMPLOYERS  
ASSOCIATION (CEO) AND THE TWO PRINCIPAL LABOR UNIONS,  
THE UGT AND THE CCOO, HAVE ISSUED SIMILAR COMMUNIQUEES.  
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